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REMARKS

Summary of Changes Made

By this Amendment, the subject matter of claim 2, indicated as allowable by the Examiner, has been incorporated into claim 1. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to depend ultimately from claim 1. Claims 2, 6, and 9-11 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8 (6 claims) remain pending in the application. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(b) - Huang

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Huang et al. (U.S. 5,439,628) ("Huang").

The Examiner will note that claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 2, with claim 3 depending from claim 1. Hence, it is believed that the rejection is moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) - Inoue

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U. S. C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Inoue et al. (U.S. 5,254,617) ("Inoue").

The Examiner will note that claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 2, with claims 3 and 4 depending from claim 1. Claim 9 has been canceled. Hence, it is believed that the rejection is moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) - Inoue/Ohkawa

Next, the Examiner rejected claims 5-8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as obvious over Inoue in view of Ohkawa et al. (U.S. 4,098,752) ("Ohkawa").

The Examiner will note that claim 5 depends from claim 1, which has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 5, and claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 6 and 11 have been canceled. Hence, it is believed that the rejection is moot.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(b) - Rogers

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rogers et al., U.S. 5,290,822, ("Rogers").

The Examiner will note that claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 2, with claims 3 and 4 depending from claim 1. Claims 6 and 9 have been canceled. Hence, it is believed that the rejection is moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a) - Rogers/Davis

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Rogers (referencing Collins U.S. 4,323,458) in view of Davis et al., U.S. 4,333,974 ("Davis").

The Examiner will note that claim 10 has been canceled. Hence, it is believed that the rejection is moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(b) - Nakazawa

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated over Nakazawa et al., JP 56-005842.

In light of the incorporation of the subject matter of allowable claim 2 into claim 1, and the dependency of claim 3 on claim 1, it is believed that the rejection is moot.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 06-0625, our Order No. FER-15009.

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